

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~striketrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please ADD new claim 11 in accordance with the following:

1. (ORIGINAL) A point management system employing a computer for managing points issued to each customer who receives service according to the issued points, comprising:

point issue means for issuing the points to the customer according to transactions performed by the customer;

point accumulation means for calculating and accumulating the issued points of a current transaction and issued point of a previous transaction;

point notification means for instantaneously notifying the customer of cumulative point information comprising the issued points; and

customer identification means for identifying the customer according to customer identification information;

wherein the point notification means includes service contents storage means for storing a list of types of services and corresponding points, reads data corresponding to the type of service selected by the customer out of the storage means, and instantaneously notifies the customer of the read data through a terminal, wherein a number of the customer's cumulative points may be redeemed for a number of the types of services.

2. (ORIGINAL) A point management system employing a computer for managing points issued to each customer who receives service according to the issued points, comprising:

point issue means for issuing the points to the customer according to transactions performed by the customer;

point accumulation means for calculating and accumulating the issued points;

point notification means for instantaneously notifying the customer of cumulative point information comprising the issued points; and

customer identification means for identifying the customer according to customer identification information;

wherein the point notification means includes service contents storage means for storing a list of services and corresponding points, selects a range of services available for the cumulative points of the customer, and instantaneously notifies the customer of the selected services through a terminal, wherein a number of the customer's cumulative points may be redeemed for a number of the types of services.

3. (ORIGINAL) The point management system according to claim 1, wherein the point accumulation means displays a colored striped line thereof and reduces the length of the striped line according to the decrease in points.

4. (ORIGINAL) The point management system according to claim 3, wherein the point information includes target points and corresponding electronic services.

5. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The point management system according to claim 3, wherein the point information includes services corresponding to the customer's cumulative points provided by the point accumulation means.

6. (ORIGINAL) The point management system according to claim 3, wherein the point information includes the customer's cumulative points, or a shortage of points with respect to target points registered or specified by the customer.

7. (ORIGINAL) The point management system according to claim 3, wherein the point information includes the validity of the customer's cumulative points.

8. (ORIGINAL) The point management system according to claim 7, wherein the point issue means issues points for each transaction while changing points or point calculation rates allocated for commodities at random within a predetermined range.

9. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The point management system according to claim 1, wherein the point notification means converts points into a time period, and reduces the points analogically in proportion to an elapse of time while notifying the read data.

10. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The point management system according to claim 9, wherein the point notification means displays the reduction of the points at the terminal, by plotting on a graph or displaying as numerals.

11. (NEW) A computer readable medium having a program stored therein to cause a point management system to execute operations, said operations comprising:

associating services offered with corresponding points available for the services and classifying the services offered based on types thereof; and

extracting information of a point in response to selection of a type of service based on the classification, and instantaneously providing cumulative issued points usable for the selected type of service responsive to a request from a customer.